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NAVAL COMMAND COLLEGE COURSE

Sensitive but unclassified. Please handle accordingly.

- 11. (U) This is an action request. See paragraphs 2 and 3.
- 12. (SBU) Action request: Embassy requests the Department assist in conducting a Leahy Amendment Human Rights review, as well as a general name check, of the following Chilean Navy officer who has been nominated for U.S. funded training, pursuant to the Leahy Act and Foreign Assistance Act. Please transmit the results of such, including information not strictly covered by the Leahy Amendment, to Embassy if possible by no later than July 18.
- 13. (SBU) The proposed training is the U.S. Naval Command College Course, to be held at the U.S. Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, between July 28, 2008 and July 19, 2009. The name and identifying information of the proposed candidate appear in the following format: Name, rank, unit, date of birth, place of birth and national identification number.

Alberto SOTO Valenzuela, Commander, Administrative Deputy Director, Naval War College, 09/26/1966, Valparaiso, 9.417.401-5

14. (U) Post greatly appreciates the Department's assistance. Embassy's ongoing investigation has not found credible information that the candidate has been involved in gross human rights violations.

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